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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents identified on the attached form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that these documents be made of record in the present application.

A copy of each of these documents can be found in the parent application, i.e., U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/221,517.

A concise statement of any non-English document having an English abstract is contained in such abstract, which is incorporated herein by reference.

German Patent Document DE 2 054 752 teaches a method of manufacturing a paper strip coated on one face with an adhesive which is non-sticky in the dry state, wherein one face of a paper strip in the dry state is subjected to the application of a liquid adhesive and of grains of adhesive in the dry state, and wherein an electrostatic field is created in a region including a length of the strip to electrically charge, and apply, said grains to said one face of the strip and then the coated strip is dried so that the grains of adhesive are attached.

German Patent Document DE 199 03 559 discloses equipment comprising a fluid through intercepting coating fluid when the coating operation is started or stopped. Its air regulation unit is connected with the through, ready for operation. An independent claim is included for the method of use. The coating head (1) is raised about 180-250 mm above the web (5). After commencement, it is lowered to the normal height, which also moves the interception through (12). Preferred features: the coating head moves from a high position on starting, down to a normal height, the through moving away automatically. Spacing between air regulation device and liquid curtain (4) is 5-80 mm during coating. Liquid supply is reduced to 50-90% of the nominal, before starting or stopping

coating. A leveling roller evens an end region receiving local excess when starting or stopping. The air regulation unit has air regulation material at the ends, in contact over its entire width with the web. This material is: flexible sheets, steel sheets, elastic hollow tube or a roller with resilient or metallic surface. There is a counter nozzle in the air regulation unit end section over the entire web width. The air regulation unit is an air suction type, and contacts the entire width of the web. The coating head is an extrusion type.

German Patent Document DE 28 24 665 discloses an apparatus for electrostatic spraying of a continuous moving web, for example, a paper or textile web comprising at least one grounded spray nozzle directed onto the object that is to be sprayed, and one electrode that is connected to a high voltage source and that is located opposite and at a distance from the object to be sprayed. In accordance with the spray nozzle located laterally to the electrode, at an incline, permitting the liquid originating from the spray nozzle to enter the space between the electrode and the web on whose back side a grounded, level backplate electrode is located, characterized in that between the spray nozzle and the electrode (5) a metallic shield (8) that is also grounded is located.

German Patent Document De 2 219 994 discloses an apparatus for the application of liquid or powder mediums onto a moving paper web, or similar type of web, in an electrostatic field, comprising a spraying device for the application medium that is located at one pole of a high voltage source generating an electrostatic field, characterized in that the spraying device (4, 6, 7) is grounded at the other high voltage pole is connected to an electrode (8, 15) that reaches at least approximately across the width of the web and that is located in the application area on that side of the paper web (1) that is facing away from the spraying device.

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